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LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Eddie Hamilton was an Ithaca visitor, Wednesday.

Ben Mindell autoed to Saginaw on business, Thursday.

J. D. Helman made a business trip to Shepherd, Monday.

Miss Alice Long of Elm Hall was an Alma visitor Saturday.

C. W. Chadwick spent Sunday in Traverse City visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Coper autoed to Flint on business, Monday.

Fred Zuber of Breckenridge, visited friends in Alma, Wednesday.

Miss Ruth Wyeth of Sumner, spent Dr. Gill is nicely located in his former suite of rooms in the Pollasky Block.

Adv. Wednesday in Alma with friends.

Miss Agnes Buckum returned to her school duties, Monday, after a week's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Ferris Center, were in Alma on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Eckert and son Arlo and A. R. Smith, autoed to Saginaw, Thursday.

Guy Campbell of Lansing and formerly of Alma, is spending a few days here with friends.

Paul Crandell and Albert Maier attended the play entitled, "Help Wanted," at Saginaw, Thursday evening.

Miss Helen Langin spent a few days during the past week, in Riverdale, with her grandmother, Mrs. R. La May.

Miss Helen Selby, who attends Alma High School, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents at North Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams and Miss Helen Williams of Riverdale, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Cramer on State St.

Mrs. C. J. Brown returned to Traverse City, Saturday noon to visit her daughter Laura, who is a teacher in the high school in that city.

The Ladies of the Modern Macabees will begin to hold their Thursday evening meetings in the L.O.O.F. Hall, beginning May 7th.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church, will meet Wednesday afternoon, May 5th at the home of Mrs. P. W. Cramer on State St.

Charles Fletcher, sixty years old, died at the home of Sam Fletcher Monday evening and was buried in the Pritchard cemetery, Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Mason officiated at the funeral.

Charles Ainsley closed up his bowling alley on State St. for the summer and has moved the alleys and other paraphernalia from the building. He is uncertain as to his plans for the summer.

H. J. Haller, Deputy United States Marshall, with headquarters in Bay City, called on the Record, Wednesday afternoon. However, allow us to add to that, he had no official business here, but simply came in to pay his respects.

Miss Erma Cotey of Cadillac, a student in the college, took an overdose of asperin, last Friday evening and for a time the doctors had little hope for her recovery. For several days she was dangerously ill and Wednesday morning was taken home. She was a freshman kindergarten student.

In March, Frank Barnes shipped one of his famous garden seats and a colonial garden settee to New York city and this week he will ship seven pieces of garden furniture to Chicago.

Mr. Barnes' garden furniture work is gaining for him a fine reputation and the shipment of increasingly large orders, is the best indication of his good workmanship.

Dr. and Mrs. Keene and family, autoed to Mt. Pleasant, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Converse spent Sunday in Shepherd with friends.

Howard L. Holmes made a business trip to Ithaca, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Earl Winters of Elm Hall, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Nelson Monday.

A. J. Sutton and Willard Rowley of Riverdale, transacted business in Alma, Monday.

Allen Berry is on the sick list.

Mrs. P. M. Smith visited friends in Ithaca, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Helman and family, visited friends in North Star Saturday and Sunday.

Harry Stevens and sister Thelma, were over Sunday guests of their parents at Breckenridge.

Ralph Tinkham spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Medler, at Forest Hill.

Walter Villet of Chicago, spent the week end with his wife and family in Alma.

The Presbyterian Fortnightly will meet with Mrs. J. T. Ewing, Friday, April 30th, instead of on Tuesday.

Mr. Shaw and son Cleo of Lansing are spending a few days with the former's daughter, Mrs. Eddie Hamilton.

Professor Schultz of the high school attended the county teachers' association meeting in Ithaca, Saturday.

Hezikiah Woodworth, father of Mrs. Andy Hall, was visiting his daughter in Alma the latter part of last week.

Rev. H. L. Morrison, pastor of the Free Methodist church of this city, and wife went to Stanton, Saturday.

Ralph Goggin, who is attending the Detroit College of Law, was in the city over Sunday, visiting his parents.

Bert Gibbs, editor of the Isabella County Republican of Shepherd, was in Alma Saturday morning transacting business.

Mrs. Will Clubb of Eugene Oregon who lived with her family in Alma for a great number of years, is visiting friends in Alma for a few weeks.

Miss Lizzie Slater returned to Alma from Riverdale, Wednesday evening where she has been filling a vacancy in the Riverdale Public Schools during the past week.

The High School and the College Reserves, played a very interesting baseball game at Davis field, Wednesday afternoon. Score, 5 to 3 in favor of the High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Decker and son arrived in the city Thursday morning from California, where they have been spending the winter. They will remain in Alma indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Balance of Lansing, visited at the home of her father, Eli Brown, Saturday and Sunday. The latter was formerly Miss Beulah Brown, a popular Alma high girl.

Albert Esselstein, instructor in Holland High School, spent Friday and Saturday visiting friends in Alma.

Mr. Esselstein will graduate from the college this June, having completed his college work at the end of the first semester.

Recently Mrs. Francis King wrote an exhaustive book on gardens, gardening etc. which covers the whole field. The book received the highest commendation on the part of the best critics. Last week the Outlook magazine contained the following flattering comment on the book, "Mrs. Francis King in 'The Well Considered Garden' has written a complete and practical book telling of color harmony, balance, design, spring, and summer flowers, garden accessories and necessities and everything that will help to make one's garden the best possible." The book is being sold by Charles Scribner's and Sons, and sells for two dollars.

M. R. Satter of Ithaca was a Record caller last Tuesday.

Francis King was in Grand Rapids on business, Thursday.

Joe Miner of St. Louis, visited his brother, Henry Miner, Thursday.

Dennis Hawes was a guest of his sister, Mrs. W. W. Ferris, last Tuesday.

Mrs. W. W. Ferris is beautifying her home on Ely Street with a new porch.

A. A. Chick, Jno. Chick and wife, visited Mr. Chick's mother at Maple Rapids, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Church of Toledo, former residents of Alma, visited friends here last week.

W. K. Ludwick of Ithaca was in Alma on Thursday. Mr. Ludwick reports his health much better.

The result of the booster day trade with our merchants ought to convince the most skeptical business man that it pays to advertise.

Mrs. Will Demuth, formerly of this city has been visiting friends here for the past week. She will return to her home in Orono, Friday.

The eighth semi-weekly banquet of the Knights of Pythias was held in their hall, Thursday evening with J. D. Helman, toastmaster.

Chas. Smith and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Brearley of the Wright House, spent Sunday at Reed City making the trip with Mr. Smith's car.

W. F. Burdick of Shepherd was in Alma, Thursday. Mr. Burdick is at the head of the Burdick Real Estate of Alma. Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd.

Ray Beshgetoor, a sophomore in college, left several days ago for the South, where he will begin work with a Chatauqua company as an electrician.

C. H. Sawkins of the Sawkins Piano Co., was on the street Thursday, after being confined to his house for three months. He is after the piano game again.

Archie Maybe a graduate of the college in 1914 and at present instructor in the high school at Charlevoix, was in Alma Saturday visiting friends.

C. M. Johnson, the Ford agent of this place, reported the sale and delivery of 64 Ford cars this year and has 28 orders he is unable to fill on account of scarcity of cars.

New line of Phoenix Hose at Mrs. Gaffney's Style Shop. She has handled this well known line for two years and is satisfied that there is no better. Every pair is guaranteed. Adv.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Johnson, former Alma young people now of Bay City, will be pleased to know of the arrival of a daughter at their house, April 27th. Morris says it is "some girl".

J. W. Robinson and Clint Nelson returned home, Wednesday from Arizona, where they have been looking over a large timber claim they are possessors of. They are well pleased with the prospects.

Charles G. Rhodes will deliver an address on "Merchants and Merchandise" before the members of the Young Men's Bible Class of the Presbyterian church, next Sunday at 12 o'clock, which is led by H. C. Moore.

Vern Wright will have his big opening day, Saturday, May 1st. For the past month he has been laying in a stock of furniture, rugs etc. and is well prepared to handle a big trade. Music will be furnished in the evening.

The Canton Pine River No. 47 Odd Fellows, went to Ithaca to the big anniversary celebration Wednesday and carried off the first prize in the drill bringing home the \$75 "bacon". Fifteen Alma men participated in the drill.

The Francis Willard Union will meet next Saturday afternoon, May 1st, with Mrs. S. A. Vliet, 418 Wright Ave., for the annual meeting and election of officers. All superintendents are requested to be present to furnish their written reports of the year's work.

Word has been received here that Miss Helen Lancashire, sailed some days ago for London, where she will join the Red Cross Society. Miss Lancashire was accompanied by several eastern ladies, who will also be connected with this organization.

The Republic Truck Co. will ship this month, 175 cars and have taken orders for more than they will ship. One order of thirty was received from Australia. On Wednesday, 15 orders were received from 15 different cities in the United States. They are now employing 225 men.

This week we will begin the continued story, "The Master Mind" by Marvin Dana, one of the most powerful stories ever written. The same author wrote "Within The Law" and "Adapted" a big success with this story. "The Master Mind" is said by all critics to be even better than the other story.

The baseball coats for the College baseball team have arrived and will be used for the first time in Friday's game. They are of a dark maroon color with white trimmings.

The money for their purchases was raised by voluntary contributions on the part of students student organizations and alumni.

The automobile belonging to Clarence Clark, who lives south east of Alma, was stolen Sunday evening, about seven o'clock from in front of the Presbyterian church and recovered a few hours later by an Alma party of young people, two miles northwest of the city. The car was a Studebaker Six. No trace of the guilty parties has yet been found.

Mt. Pleasant Normal is spending very large sums of money this year on their annual Music Festival of four concerts, May 11 and 12. Seven soloists of national reputation and the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra comprise the imported talent. The orchestra appears only on May 12, receiving \$1200 for the matinee and evening performances. The greatest concert of soloists and orchestra is on the evening of May 12.

Mrs. C. J. Barnes brought to the Record office, two very interesting old newspapers, one of them the oldest newspaper which has yet been brought to this office. It is a copy of the Ulster County Gazette, dated, January 4th, 1800, making it 115 years old.

It tells of happenings during John Adams' presidency, the war which Napoleon was carrying on against the Allies and congressional squabbles. The other paper, The New York Herald, tells of Lincoln's assassination and contains a reputation of Jeff Davis. It is dated April 15, 1865.

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GREAT MEN OF LIGHT HEART

Many Examples Show It is Not Necessary to Go Through Life With a Frowning Brow.

James Russell Lowell is said to have been of a very fun-loving disposition. Light-hearted jest and nonsense were sprinkled plentifully through the long life which was so filled with solid, hard work and achievement.

One day, when walking with a friend, they passed a large building over the door of which was written: "Home for Incurable Children."

"Ah," said Lowell, with a shake of his head, "that is where I shall have to be sent one day."

Everybody knows of the immense labors of David Livingstone in the inhospitable part of Africa and of the devotion of his noble wife. Does every body know that in the midst of their lonely life they were often much of the time as jolly as a pair of school-boys off on a holiday? To such an extent did the spirit of mirth preside over their counsels and undertakings that sometimes Mr. Livingstone would say to his wife: "Really, my dear, we ought not to indulge in so many jokes. We are getting too old; it is not becoming. We must be more staid."

Charles Kingsley was always bent on introducing as much frolic and merrymaking into his family life as possible. He was proud to be able to say: "I sometimes wonder whether there is as much laughing done in any home in England as at our paragonage."

—Christian Endeavor World.

HE WOUND UP THE RIBBON

New York Hotel Guest Found It Led to a Very Much Embarrassed Young Woman.

A man who could not possibly break in the middle was sauntering slowly away from the cashier's window at a hotel in New York when suddenly he caught sight of something blue lying on the floor. He stooped, but could not get down far enough. A belloy saw what he was after and picked up the end of a piece of narrow ribbon and gave it to him.

More than the usual number of chair warmers were sitting in the lobby at the time, and soon they and the clerks were watching the stout man. He fingered the piece of ribbon in a sort of preoccupied fashion and soon found that it led down the corridor. He did not know it, but at the other end was a young woman. As she walked the ribbon seemed to grow longer.

Finally the stout man turned and began to roll up the ribbon. Soon he noticed where he was being led, and by the time he reached the elevator he was able to offer a handful to the woman who stood there. With a very red face and a hurried glance down she grabbed it, and then the elevator door mercifully opened and swallowed her from the gaze of the tittering spectators.

His Freak Memory.

The possession of a freak memory was revealed during the course of a case of robbery tried some years ago at Melbourne. The prisoner declared that when the crime was committed he was in the hut of a man named Lane, hearing him recite Walpole's "Old English Baron," which occupied two hours and a half in the delivery. The jury disbelieved this statement, so Lane was called to prove that he was capable of the feat. He stepped into the witness box and started reciting the story in a way that showed he knew it thoroughly. When he had gone on for some time without a moment's hesitation, the judge wanted him to stop, but counsel for the defense insisted upon proving his case by having the whole story repeated. Eventually it was decided to admit the evidence if Lane could repeat the last page of the book. This being satisfactorily accomplished, the alibi was allowed and the prisoner received his discharge. —London Chronicle.

Seven Young Buccaneers.

Seven boys from the National Nautical school at Portsmouth, Somerset, England, engaged in a remarkable exploit.

The boys had been on a cruise in their training vessel Polly, and on returning to headquarters took French leave and rowed up the Severn several miles in one of the ship's boats. Another boat set out in pursuit, and the fugitives thereupon decided to take to the land. They drove their boat on to the shore at a place called Holesmouth, and then plunged into the mud, which is particularly soft. They presented a remarkable sight when they reached the bank. Their experience knocked the buccannering spirit out of them, and they submitted to capture by their pursuers, who arrived on the scene a quarter of an hour later.

Home Thrust.

The stout party had been in the shoe shop for over an hour, and the patient shop assistant had half the stock down for her inspection. She found fault with them all until his patience became quite exhausted.

"These would suit you," he said, taking another pair down as a last resource. Still the lady was not satisfied.

"I don't like this sort," she said. "They have a tendency to get wider as they get a bit old."

"Well, madam," retorted the exasperated attendant, politely, "didn't you?"

Hunch Almost Justified.

After shaking hands at the ferry dock the other day, one colored man inquired of another: "Didn't you marry do Widow Jones about de first of January?" "Dat's me—I did," was the answer: "but I've dun left her."

"Why, how's that?" "Well, de first week she called me honey; de next week she suked around and called me old Richards; de third week she cum for me wid a nation, an' I've kinder got a hunch she don't like me." —Exchange.

Wanted and For Sale

Advertisements under this head will be charged five cents per line for each issue.

For Rent—Furnished rooms. 416 Maple Ave. 1883-t4.

GASOLINE ENGINES—Two, for sale cheap. Inquire at Luchini's Fruit Store, Alma. 1871tf

Garden Plowed—If you want your garden plowed call Roy Burrell. Union phone 18. 220 Prospect Ave. 1883-tf

Wanted—Work by day. Mrs. Zibbe, Union phone 170. 1884-t2

For Sale—House and Lot, nicely located and in good condition. Will sell cheap and on easy terms. Enquire at the Record office.

For Sale: Peppermint roots, Sheep clipper and grinder. Enquire of Floyd Lippert, 602 Wright Ave. or Jacob Lippert, two and one half miles west of Alma. 1885-t1

For Sale: Good rich top soil for garden and lawn and also filling dirt. Call at Bartley's Market. 1885-t1

Our Teachers

It may be safely said that many schools in which morals are never taught from text-books or by formal exercises, furnish a most stimulating drill in the higher and finer moralities every day. Many of us know teachers, who, without much preaching, convey, in all their intercourse with their pupils, the influences and qualities which purify and invigorate character. A considerable acquaintance with teachers impresses me with the belief that the feeling of their responsibility for the moral welfare of their pupils, and their appreciation of the value of character, are steadily deepening among them. No profession is so sacred that shallow and self-seeking persons do not find a place in it; but I believe that as much seriousness and devotion may be found among the teachers of our common schools as among any other class of persons—the clergy not excepted.—Atlantic Monthly.

Watch in a Pearl.

The feat of making a watch in a pearl has been accomplished by a watch-making firm at Chaux de Fonds, Switzerland. This wonderful watch, the only one of its kind in the world, was finished a few days ago. A pearl, which weighs 45 grains and has a diameter of about half an inch, contains all the works. It took an employee of the firm 15 months to hollow out the pearl and fix the wheels. The watch, which is guaranteed to keep good time, and may be worn as a ring on the finger, is for sale for \$1,200.

Moisture Absorbed by Granite.

A coat made of granite, while perhaps not the most comfortable article of wearing apparel—although granite in this sense is desirable—might be thought to be storm proof; yet granite will absorb a considerable amount of moisture. If a cubic yard of granite that had been completely dried out were immersed in pure water it would, according to the United States Geological survey, absorb a volume of water equal to four gallons of water.

Make Your Work Interesting.

Do not look on your work as a dull duty. If you choose you can make it interesting. Throw your heart into it, master its meaning, trace out the causes and previous history, consider it in all its bearings, think how many even the humblest labor may benefit, and there is scarcely one of our duties which we may not look to with enthusiasm. You will get to love your work, and if you do it with delight you will do it with ease. Even if at first you find this impossible, if for a time it seems mere drudgery, this may be what you require; it may be good like mountain air to brace up your character.—Lord Avebury.

First Folding Pocket Knives.

Pocket knives with blades to fold into the handle by a spring, were first made in the middle of the eighteenth century.

Rheumatism Yields Quickly to Sloan's

You can't prevent an attack of Rheumatism from coming on, but you can stop it almost immediately. Sloan's Liniment gently applied to the sore joint or muscle penetrates in a few minutes to the inflamed spot that causes the pain. It soothes the hot, tender, swollen feeling, and in a very short time brings a relief that is almost unbelievable until you experience it. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25c of any Druggist and have it in the house—against Colds, Sore and Swollen Joints. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief.—Adv. Apr.